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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) WILL BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE A TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM FOR KOREAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MOT) OFFICIALS. SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED ARE SET FORTH BELOW. (WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE KOREAN OFFICIALS ARE PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH.) ON THE BASIS OF THE MOT REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS, DOT WILL SET UP A FIRM, DETAILED SCHEDULE.

2. DETAILED CONSULTATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE FEDERAL RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, THE DOT OFFICE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THE COAST GUARD. DOT IS ALSO IN CONTACT
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WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM. WITH REGARD TO THE COAST GUARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF THE MOT INTEREST LIES IN OPERATION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS, AND WHETHER THE INTEREST INVOLVES MERCHANT VESSELS AND OR PLEASURE /FISHING CRAFT. WE ALSO NOTE THE ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY. WOULD MOT LIKE SOMETHING ARRANGED

IN THAT AREA?

3. DOT RECOMMENDS MOT CONSIDERATION OF TWO RELEVANT SEMINARS WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE VISIT.

A. MARCH 27-31, SEMINAR ON AIR TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSTITUTE, OKLAHOMA CITY. REGISTRATION FEE: \$135.

B. MARCH 28-29, SEMINAR ON TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AT INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REGISTRATION FEE OF \$30.

3. DOT WILL PUT THE MOT REPRESENTATIVES IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF A TECHNICAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AN AMERICAN CONSULTANT. VANCE

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